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ARKHANGEL'SK MEDICAL INSTITUTE
BROADENS ACTIVITIES

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The Arkhangel'sk Medical Institute -- one of the largest in the northern regions of the USSR -- is not only a medical educational institution, but also serves the inhabitants of the region in a practical manner. All operations of the Institute are geared to offer maximum service and finest medical aid to the workers in the surrounding region. Most of the cases of Lumberjacks, and A. P. Tyukin, Chair of General Surgery, M. G. Grigorian and A. A. Chelov of the Chair of Microbiology and General Surgery have planned their programs to fit the needs of their patients, including some work to determine the various diseases that are common among northern fishermen.

The staff of the Institute for Medico-Sanitation Aid for the Nenets National Okrug is working diligently and has recently published the results of some of their investigations. The most important work dealt with the chemical and physical properties of drinking water in the Nizhne Raychora region. The Chair of Children's Diseases described the state of child health in the Amerdma area. At present, investigations on the action of vitamins and the causes of goiter are the most important projects being undertaken by the Arkhangel'sk Medical Institute.

At a recent conference held by the various departments and chairs of the Institute it was decided that, on the whole, operations were very satisfactory. It was noted, however, that in some instances scientific personnel are not too well acquainted with actual needs of the population. Numerous reports of investigations submitted dealt only with diseases and trauma of lumberjacks and fishermen. None, however, dealt with diseases prevalent among workers in cellulose factories, chemical plants, shipyards, and members of the river and maritime fleets. This okrug is no longer a mere collection of lumbering communities; therefore, the problems facing the Institute are new and extremely numerous.

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